



The number one risk factor for experiencing sexual assault or domestic violence is simply being a woman.

Thank you

Newsletter - December 2016



Karen Willis (Right) with Chair of R&DVSA Jane Gold

Message from the EO: Karen Willis

As this second year of the Full Stop Foundation draws to a close, I'd like to thank all of you personally for everything that you do to help us in our work to end violence against women and children.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas, and look forward to working with you again in the new year.

Karen Willis
Executive Officer
Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia

Since January 1st 2016, we have...

ASSISTED WITH OVER
52,000
OCCASIONS OF
SERVICE
VIA TELEPHONE & ONLINE

OFFERED 1,200
FACE TO FACE
COUNSELING
SESSIONS TO WOMEN
WHO WERE SEXUALLY
ASSAULTED
IN CHILDHOOD

DELIVERED
368
COUNSELLING SESSIONS
TO THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN OR
CONSIDERING PARTICIPATING IN
THE ROYAL COMMISSION
INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES
TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Other highlights of our work this year include:

- Working with the Department of Social Services and the NSW State Government to extend our Aboriginal Womens program, "Hey Sis". Hey Sis supports those who are supporting community women who have experienced sexual assault
- Our innovative community based secondary prevention program around changing men's violent behaviours is in a promising trial stage – we will continue evaluation and refinement over the next 12 months
- Undertaking important and now award winning research to advance the understanding of the impacts of sexual assault on survivors and how these impacts can be effectively treated
- We are working with The Hunting Ground Australia Project and Professor Moira Carmody to develop a range of educational resources and training for university staff and students to help tackle the serious issue of sexual assault at Australian Universities.



There's always someone to turn to at Christmas

ANSWERED ALMOST
4,000
CALLS FOR HELP
FROM VICTIMS OF SEXUAL
ASSAULT OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
18 DECEMBER 2015 TO 7 JANUARY 2016

WE'LL BE HERE
24/7
TO OFFER HELP
THROUGHOUT THE
FESTIVE SEASON

Please, continue to support the Full Stop Foundation so we can continue to answer calls for help 365 days a year.

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Gift of Kindness

The Full Stop Foundation is listed on an app called the Gift of Kindness – this app allows you to gift family and friends with a virtual gift whilst supporting charities just like us – **Download it – it's free!**



Hays Jewellers & Candid Give Back

Thanks to our friends at Hays Jewellers, Candid, and the support from the Manly community for their fabulous event which **raised over \$4,500 to fund the work of the Full Stop Foundation!**



Thank You Neilson Foundation

Huge thanks to the Neilson Foundation for their outstanding generosity and for the consistency of their giving. This third gift will directly help us in our work to end violence against the women and children of Australia.



Message from Full Stop Foundation Ambassador – Andrew Scipione AO APM, NSW Police Force Commissioner

I am proud to be an ambassador of the Full Stop Foundation, which works with individuals, foundations, business and community leaders to achieve a vision of a society in which sexual assault and domestic violence no longer exist.

In NSW, police respond to more than 145,000 incidents of domestic and family violence each year. That's about 400 cases every day.

Living free from violence is everyone's right, and reducing violence is everyone's shared responsibility. Put simply, police can't do this alone – we need the community's assistance.

This month the NSW Police Force, in conjunction with Crime Stoppers NSW, has launched a 'No Innocent Bystanders' video campaign.

As well as highlighting the tragic realities of domestic and family violence, this campaign seeks to empower the community to report vital information to police – information that could save someone's life.

[Click to view the Domestic Violence – Bystanders ad](#)



24/7 Counselling and support: Rape & Domestic Violence Services Australia 1800 424 017 and 1800RESPECT.